

News from the Bay County Executive

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CORRECTION to "Bay County Wastewater Treatment Plant" Article

In the previous newsletter, the City of Essexville's rates for the wastewater treatment plant's improvements were misquoted. Ratepayers under the City of Essexville will actually see a significant increase in rates.

July 2010 Board Meetings



**July 6 - Ways &
Means Committee
Meeting**

**July 13 - Board of
Commissioners
Meeting**

**July 20 - Personnel/
Judicial Committee
Meeting**

**July 20 - Human
Services Committee
Meeting**

Bay County Sheriff's Office Approved for New Contract with Federal Government to House Federal Inmates

Bay County Sheriff's Office was approved by the Board of Commissioners to execute a new contract with the federal government to house federal inmates in the county's jail.

On average, it costs about \$70 a day to house an inmate, and for many years, Bay County has charged less than \$50 a day - a low price in comparison to other counties like St. Clair County Sheriff's Department who charges \$84.05. With the contract renewal with the Federal Bureau of Prisons and the U.S. Marshals Service, payments would be raised to \$67.70 from the current \$49.19.



Ordinarily the Bay County jail houses 10 federal inmates in the 220-bed facility. Revenue from the federal detainees contract is currently \$176,000, and it is expected to increase by \$67,000 with the increase in payments.

Approved Actions in June by the Board of Commissioners

At June's Bay County Board of Commissioners meeting, the following actions were approved:

- The Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds and the Finance Director were approved to pursue seasonal contracts with Bay County's current gas transportation provider Constellation New Energy over the next three years. Natural gas prices are on a downward trend, and it was recommended Bay County take advantage of the market. Also, in 2009, Bay County saved a total of \$97,500 on all of its accounts combined when compared to other providers' standard rate.
- The application by Bay County to become a Property Improvement Program (PIP) Community Agent and to begin working with Bay Area Housing, Inc. to offer loans through the Federal Home Loan Bank was approved. The purpose of the PIP Plus program is to offer project funds to non-entitlement county governments for homeowner rehabilitation projects they might not normally fund with county allocation funds. The PIP Plus program provides low-interest loans through Chemical Bank for the repair, improvement and rehabilitation of existing housing allowing the county to assist more homeowners with the current Community Development

** All meetings take place at 4:00pm on the 4th Floor of the Bay County Building

Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

- The renewal of the Delta College Fitness and Recreation Center Membership Agreement was approved. For the past five years, Bay County has had a contractual arrangement with Delta College for full use of their fitness and recreation center through nine shared corporate memberships totaling \$2,835. This amount has remained unchanged for the past five years and has been budgeted for 2010.
- The 2011 Budget Schedule and Calendar was also approved.

** H1N1 Survey for the General Public **

To improve the response to future health emergencies, in addition to improving policies and procedures, the Bay County Health Department is asking the public to complete an H1N1 influenza survey.

To complete survey, [CLICK HERE](#)

State Park Sticker Replaced with New Recreation Passport

Starting October 1, 2010, Michigan will replace its state park sticker with the Recreation Passport. Instead of paying \$24 for an annual motor vehicle permit or boating access permit, individuals will be asked to pay a \$10 fee when renewing vehicle registration with the Secretary of State. The \$10 will go towards funding different recreation destinations.



For more detailed information on Michigan's Recreation Passport, [CLICK HERE](#).

Sincerely,

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